

IN RECOGNITION OF THE
RETIREMENT OF RUTH SARRO

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, February 15, 2013

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I would like to ask for the House's attention today to recognize Ruth Sarro who is retiring on March 31st.

Mrs. Sarro began her career as a 4-H agent over 30 years ago. Working with the 4-H of Alabama was the fulfillment of her childhood dreams. As a child, Mrs. Sarro enjoyed participating in her local chapter. She competed in local, county, district and even state 4-H contests. Her fond memories led her to pursue opportunities within the 4-H system.

In 1980, she graduated from the University of Montevallo in Alabama and began working in the Bullock County extension office as a 4-H agent. In 1982, Mrs. Sarro transferred to the Calhoun County Extension office in Anniston, Alabama. During her years as a 4-H agent she worked extensively with schools and teachers in Alabama. In fact, she worked with over 22,000 students between 1980 and 2004.

In 2004, the Alabama Cooperative Extension System was restructured, and she became a Regional 4-H agent. She works with 97 volunteers in Calhoun, Cleburne and Randolph counties.

Mrs. Sarro will be remembered for her dedication to the 4-H systems of Alabama. She is a true success story of what dedication to a cause can bring about. Countless students, teachers, volunteers and members of the community have been inspired by her.

Mr. Speaker, we join her family and friends in celebrating Mrs. Sarro's retirement.

HONORING THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF WARNER ROBINS, GA

HON. AUSTIN SCOTT

OF GEORGIA

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Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing the city of Warner Robins, Georgia a very happy 70th birthday. It is appropriate at this milestone to reflect and celebrate their rich history and heritage.

From the days when the community was known as York. Growing to the tiny hamlet of Wellston, Warner Robins was born in 1943 with a population of no more than 75 residents. Little more than a train stop, the city became a boom town. From those early slow growing days, none foresaw nor heard the echoes of winged giants which would rever-

berate through their skies with the birth of Robins Air Force Base. Together the city and military community formed a renowned partnership unlike any in our great country.

From World War II to today's global conflicts, the men and women of Robins AFB have been an essential ingredient in our U.S. Air Force's ability to provide airpower for freedom around the world. That spirit of patriotism is reflected in the Warner Robins city motto "Every day in middle Georgia is Armed Forces Appreciation Day"—not just words, but a creed spoken and lived every day in Warner Robins by its government and citizens.

That constant theme throughout the years has been a mainstay of Team Robins. Staying ready when our nation was least ready has been the challenge of Robins to play a critical role in repair and supply, and the city to be work force ready. Warner Robins is proud to be home to a world class U.S. air force installation like Robins Air Force Base.

Likewise, the city's award winning education system and college presence, outstanding athletics and sports facility, renowned museum of aviation, and unique southern hospitality make Warner Robins—known as Georgia's international city—a great place to live, work, play and retire. We extend wishes to all the citizens of Warner Robins for seventy more years of excellence.

HONORING LIBERTY IN BAHRAIN

HON. TED S. YOHO

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. YOHO. Mr. Speaker, two years ago this month the people of Bahrain began a movement to seek constitutional reforms where power was shared with the people. They took to the streets impassioned by a desire to make sure that government serves the people, not the other way around. They yearned for the fundamental human right of freedom and aspired to have reforms that would grant them constitutional rights and self-governance.

Earlier this week, I met with three human rights defenders from Bahrain and they told me about some of the terrible atrocities that have occurred in their country as a response to the protests. They spoke of repression, harassment, and imprisonment. I fear that these responses not only threaten stability in the region but send a signal of oppressed liberty throughout the world. I was struck by the bravery of these young people and applaud their quest for liberty.

Our Constitution is critically important to us. The Bahraini people do not have that all important safeguard to their freedoms and they understandably want it. As Americans, we should welcome the Bahraini people's self-desire to have constitutional reforms and not take action to hinder it.

While I respect our history with Bahrain and our mutual foreign policy interests in the region, their government's actions over the last two years trouble me. It is my hope that the government of Bahrain takes the steps that they have promised their citizens and move towards the constitutional reforms that are so desperately desired by the people.

TRIBUTE TO DYLAN DECLERCK

HON. TOM LATHAM

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LATHAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and honor Dylan DeClerck, a 17-year-old senior of Valley High School in West Des Moines, Iowa, who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service in his community from the 2013 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program.

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards program is our country's largest youth recognition program based entirely on volunteer community service. The program was created in conjunction with Prudential and the National Association of Secondary School Principals to honor middle and high school students for outstanding service to benefit others at the local, state, and national level. Since 1995, more than 345,000 American youths have participated in this excellent program.

Dylan was recently selected as one of Iowa's four distinguished finalists for creating and organizing a baseball league for young children who could not otherwise afford to play our national pastime. Dylan promoted his league, "Opportunity on Deck", by meeting with local ball club officials for support and sponsorships. Throughout the summer, Mr. DeClerck organized clinic activities and promoted the league through local media. There is no doubt Dylan's selfless efforts brought immeasurable joy and lasting benefits to the young people that participated in Opportunity on Deck.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I recognize and applaud Mr. DeClerck for his sincere dedication to positively impacting the lives of others in his community. Dylan's commitment to a cause greater than himself is a testament to the high-quality character and unwavering work ethic instilled in Iowans both young and old. Our future is bright with young people like Dylan, and it is an honor to represent him and his family in the United States Congress. I invite my colleagues in the House to join me in congratulating Dylan, thanking his supportive family, and thanking all of those involved in this wonderful project for their life-changing efforts.